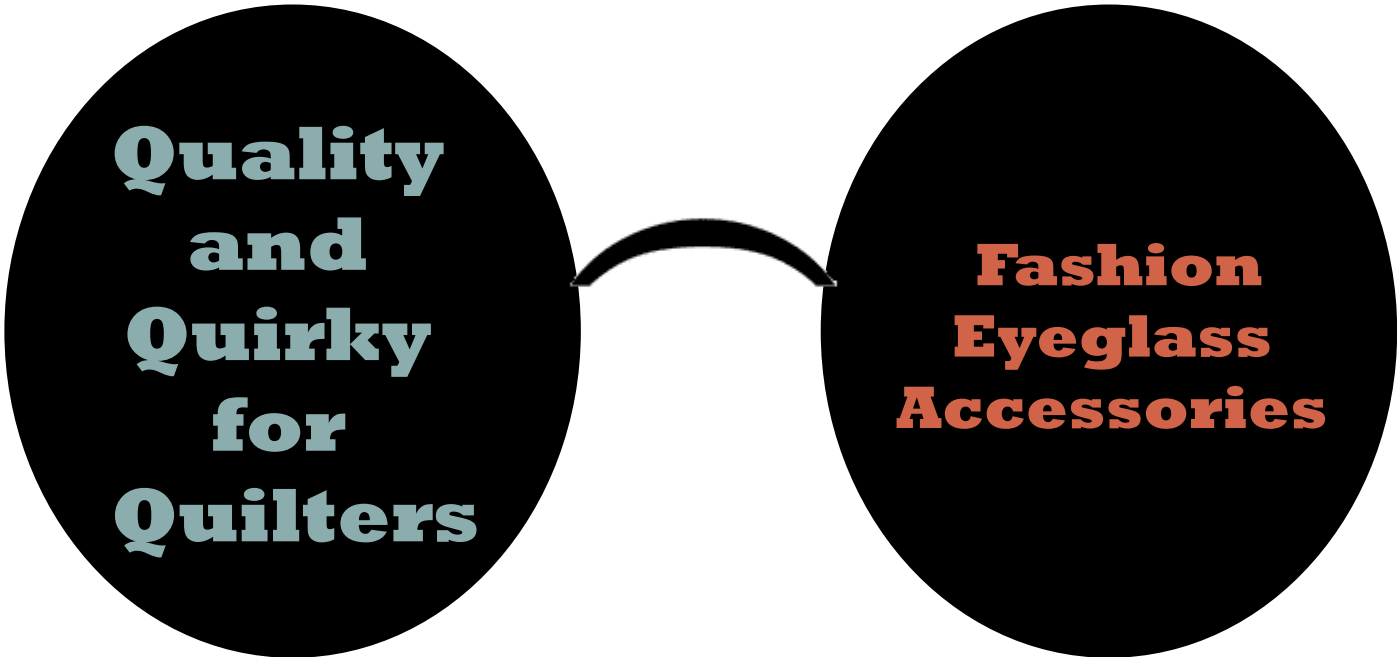


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Quilting is one of the most popular hobbies of all time. For millennia, women (and some men), have been piecing together patches of cloth to make blankets, known as quilts, that are often passed down through the generations of a single family.

Quilts are made to be creative — each quilt is different from the other, much like a fingerprint. There are thousands of different



patterns, designs, stitches, and fabrics that can be used in quilting; and you can even embroider directly onto quilts if you're industrious enough.

Quilting isn't just a hobby; it is also a main source of income for many simple living Americans, like the Amish and Mennonite communities in rural areas across the country.

Quilting can be done by hand, which is a slow and painstaking process, or it can be



done using a sewing machine, embroidery machine, surger, and even long arm sewing machines that can take up entire rooms in a house. When a quilter wants to do close up work, they usually spend hours hunched over, squinting at the fabric, which can lead to terrible headaches and backaches.

Instead of causing damage to the eyes, many quilters will use magnification eyeglasses, which they loop around their necks using eyeglass chains and eyeglass necklaces.



Not only are magnification glasses useful for bringing the details of quilting closer to the face, but when tethered around the neck securely with eyeglass chains, they are easily accessible right when you need them, and when you're done using them, you can remove them and they'll still be right there the next time you need them.

When you're doing something the requires close-up work, like seam ripping or detailed sewing, you can put the glasses



on—they're right there attached to your eyeglass necklace, and when you need to do something like choosing the fabric for the next square, you just take them off. This is much easier than hauling around a magnifying glass.

Besides making things accessible, your eyeglass chains and eyeglass necklaces are also the more secure choice over 'free floating' magnifying eyeglass that can slip from your face when you bend over.



Not only can quilters enjoy the accessibility and security offered by magnifying eyeglasses and their accessories, they can also enjoy the fun and fashionable qualities as well. Many magnifying eyeglass frames come in different shapes, sizes, and designs—it's no wonder that eyeglass chains and eyeglass necklaces are just as varied and fun? You can get an eyeglass necklace made of beads that will match perfectly with your comfy quilting clothes (people love being

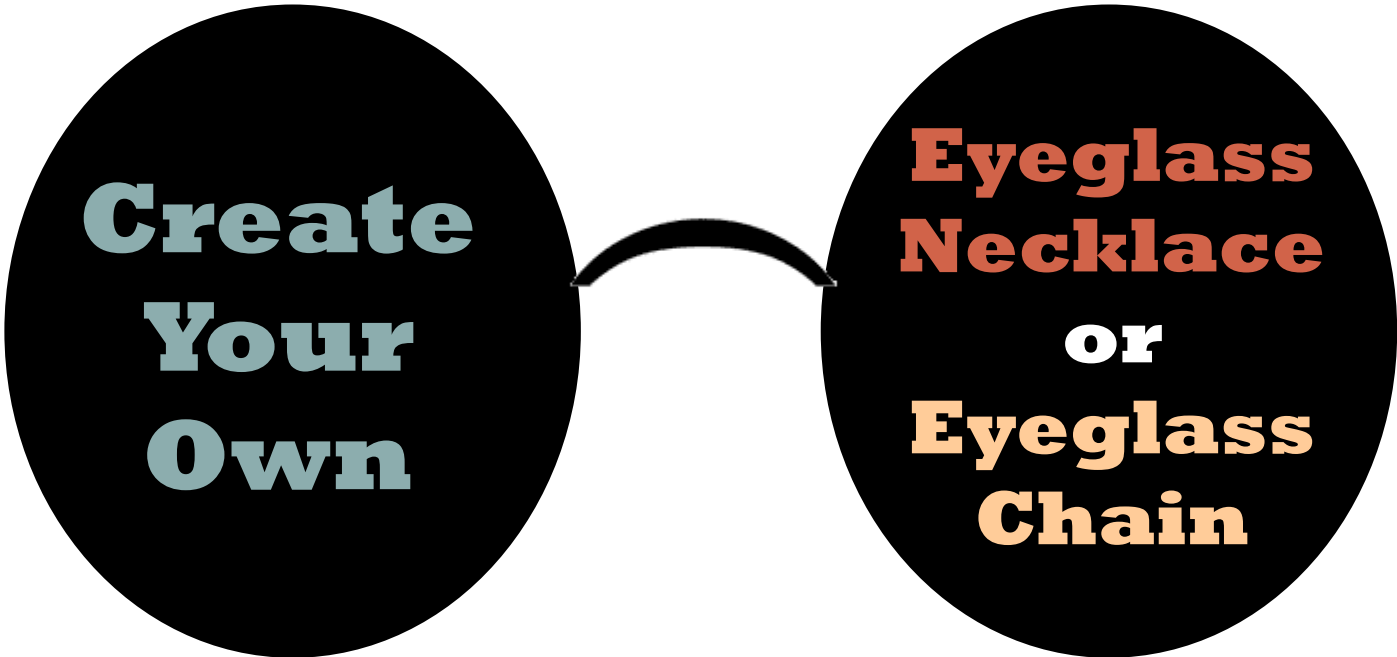


comfy while they quilt), and you can even use your eyeglass chain for your normal everyday glasses as an actual fashion accessory.

Quilters the world over share a bond through their love of quilting. Not only are there quilting circles locally, but some websites even encourage international quilting circles in which one person in one country completes one part of the quilt then ships the quilt to a circle member in another

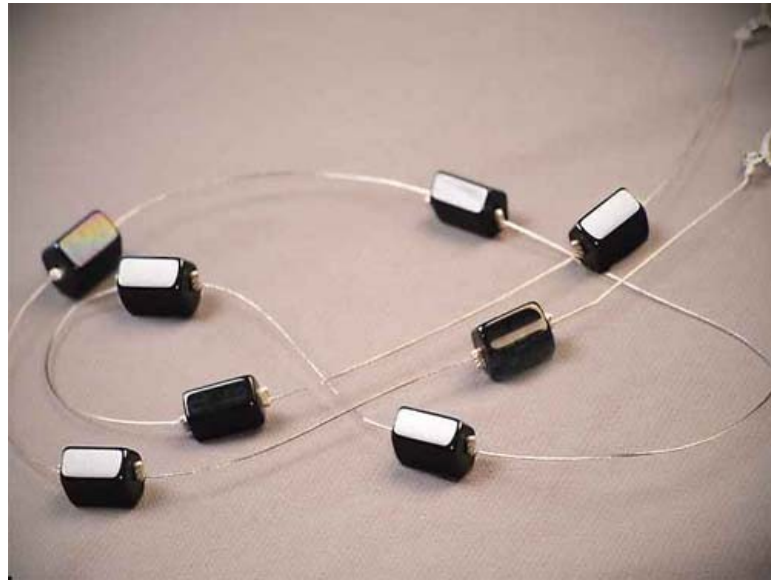


country. Quilting is a serious hobby that requires seriously high quality accessories.



**Create
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**Eyeglass
Necklace
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ith the increasing costs of outside activities, many adults are turning to crafts for something to occupy their minds and otherwise idle hands. One of the most popular crafts and hobbies are jewelry making and bead crafts.

While you can make just about anything using beads (have you ever seen a chandelier



made completely of beads?), many people like to make things that they can use in a practical daily situation. One of the most popular jewelry and bead craft is making eyeglass necklaces and eyeglass chains.

If you'd like to look great while looking studious (wearing glasses), you should read further and learn how to make your own eyeglass chains and necklaces. In part one of this series, we will discuss the supplies you need to make the necklaces and chains, and



the next article will discuss the set up, the actual process, and accessorizing fun.

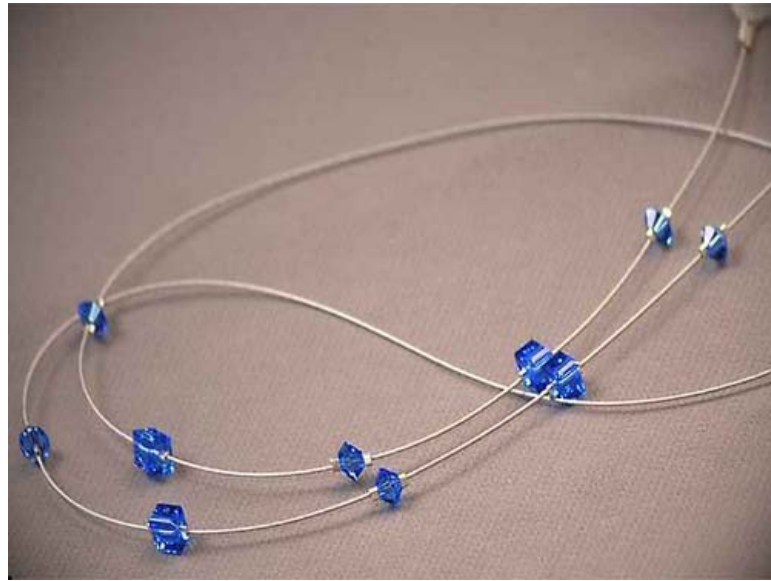


First and foremost...

Gathering Supplies

Before you can do anything else, you need to gather the necessary supplies for bead jewelry making.

Beads: Beads are a booming business. There are beads of every color of the rainbow and all the colors in between. Beads can be made of plastic, metals (silver, steel), wood, and even pearl (if you want to pay the



the extra money for it). Beads can come in different shapes (palm trees, lips, suns, moons, stars), and can even be stamped with personal images or icons. Jewelry making (making eyeglass necklaces, eyeglass chains, bracelets, anklets, earrings, hairclips, and pins) using beads is very popular, and the variety of bead is growing with the demand.

Believe it or not, beads can also be made more expensive materials like crystal, pearl, and gold. Historians have even discovered



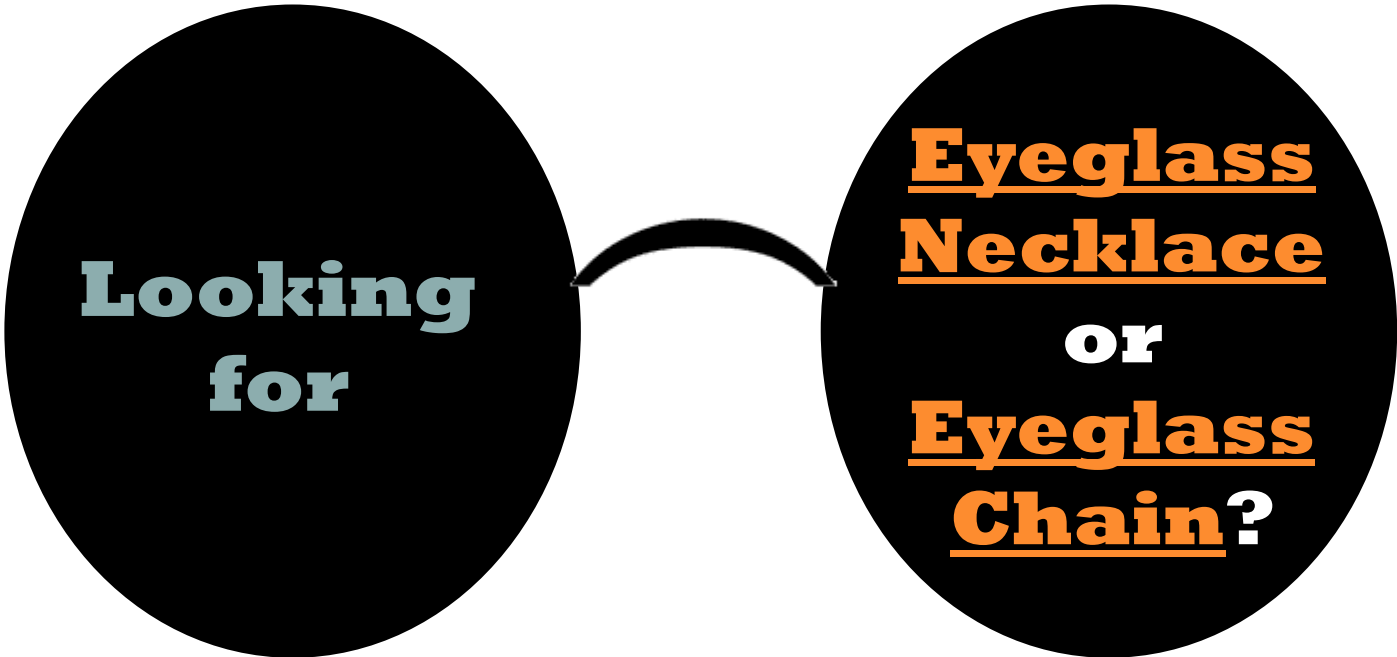
beads made of animal bones, onyx, and animal skins.

String: The thing with string is that it can be made of simple cotton fibers twisted together like normal everyday string, or it can be made using synthetic fibers that are more durable and stand up to the pulling and tugging associated with eyeglass necklaces. Jewelry making string can also be made of wire, elastic, plastic or even simple wool yarn. The best string material for use in



ends of the string that will attach to the glasses, and a pair of eyeglasses to use as a weight tester (you want to make sure that the eyeglass necklace you're making can hold your glasses).

Now that you have an extensive shopping list, you should get going. Set up is right around the corner, and you have eyeglass jewelry to make.



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